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Reference: Year End Report (7/01/02-12/31/02)

Dear Mr. Savage:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached). You should examine all of your contributions to check for additional excessive contributions. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should also be reviewed.

An individual or a political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. A qualified multicandidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a) and (f); 11 CFR §110.1(b), (e) and (k))

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

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If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained within sixty (60) days of receipt if, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive amount was properly designated for a different election, by obtaining signed written authorization from the contributor(s) pursuant to 11 CFR §110.1(b)(5) or §110.2(b)(5). Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or redesignations were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. See CFR §103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any refund and/or any photocopies of letters reattributing or redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 20 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations and reattributions are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation and/or reattribution is received. (11 CFR §104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

The acceptance of excessive contributions is a serious problem. Again, the committee's procedures for processing contributions should be examined and corrected in order to avoid this problem. Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to refund or seek redesignation and/or reattribution of the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits established by the Act. The Act precludes an individual or a political committee from making a contribution to a national party committee in excess of \$20,000 per calendar year. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a)) However, a political committee may make unlimited transfers to a national party committee if the transferred amount is determined to be and disclosed as "excess campaign funds". (11 CFR §113.1(e))

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If any apparent excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If the contribution made was excessive, you must notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$20,000. You also must inform the Commission in writing of such a refund and provide a photocopy of any refund request sent to the recipient committee. The refund must appear on Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the refund is received.

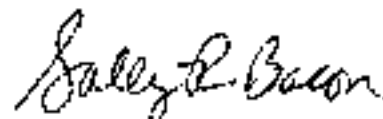
Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to obtain a refund of the excessive contribution amount will be taken into consideration.

-Your report discloses the use of the Post-Election Detailed Summary Page. The Post-Election Detailed Summary Page must only be used for the first report filed after completion of an election cycle. Please amend your report to omit the use of the Post-Election Detailed Summary Page. (11 CFR §§104.2(a) and 104.3)

-For future reports, please be advised that contributions to other committees or charitable organizations are not operating expenditures. These amounts should be disclosed on Line 21 of the Detailed Summary Page information and itemized on a separate Schedule B. (11 CFR §104.3(b)(2))

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Senate Public Records Office within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Please contact the Senate Public Records Office at (202) 224-0322 for instructions on how and where to file an amendment. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Sally R. Bacon
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Excessive and/or Prohibited Contributions
Wyden for Senate (C00308676)
Year End Report(7/01/02-12/31/02)

P = Primary Election
 G = General Election

CONTRIBUTOR NAME		DATE	AMOUNT	ELECTION
Nakash	Joseph	06/21/2003	\$ 1,000.00	P
Nakash	Joseph	12/31/2002	\$ 666.00	P
Nakash	Ralph	06/21/2002	\$ 1,000.00	P
Nakash	Ralph	12/31/2002	\$ 666.00	P
RECIPIENT NAME		DATE	AMOUNT	ELECTION
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee		01/31/2002	\$ 20,000.00	NA
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee		12/04/2002	\$ 10,000.00	NA

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